

REMARKS

Claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of claim 3 and claim 3 has been canceled. Claim 1 as amended corresponds to claim 3 rewritten in independent form.

The application is now in condition for allowance. In the Action, claim 3 was identified as being allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

The foregoing is believed to be a complete and proper response to the Office Action dated October 4, 2004, and is believed to place this application in condition for allowance. If, however, minor issues remain that can be resolved by means of a telephone interview, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number indicated below.

In the event that this paper is not considered to be timely filed, applicants hereby petition for an appropriate extension of time. The fee for any such extension may be charged to our Deposit Account No. 111833.

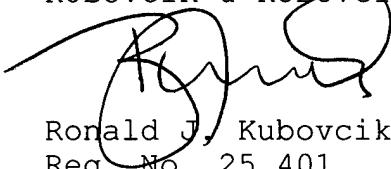
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In the event any additional fees are required, please also charge our Deposit Account No. 111833.

Respectfully submitted,

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